

4-day trip to
Washington, D.C. and New York
(1st place to 30th place)



Gulen Institute YOUTH PLATFORM 2012

“An International High School Essay Contest”

WASHINGTON, D.C. & NEW YORK

“Creating solutions for the challenges faced by children today”

STUDENTS:

1st place: 3,000 USD

2nd place: 2,000 USD

3rd place: 1,000 USD

Honorable mention

4th – 15th: 300 USD

16th – 30th: 50 USD

TEACHERS:

1st place: 1,000 USD

2nd place: 750 USD

3rd place: 500 USD

Honorable mention

4th – 15th: 200 USD

In addition to these awards, all students who rank from 1st place to 30th place will be awarded a 4-day trip to Washington, D.C. and New York. Airfare, accommodations, meals, and transportation to Washington, D.C. & New York will all be sponsored by the Gulen Institute.



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

ALL high school students, currently enrolled in 9th through 12th grades, attending public or private schools in the United States or abroad.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Essays must be: ■ Written in English ■ Original, unpublished, and written entirely by the student ■ 1,500 to 2,000 words in length ■ Properly annotated ■ In compliance with MLA standards regarding citations and bibliography ■ Submitted online at the event website: www.gulenyouthplatform.org ■ Submission deadline is January 31, 2012

TOPIC

Creating solutions for the challenges faced by children today

WINNERS WILL BE SPONSORED WITH A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NEW YORK CITY

- Meet U.S. Congress members
- See touristic attractions in Washington, D.C. and New York City
- Visit local university & think-tank institutions

AWARD CEREMONY CO-CHAIRS

- U.S. Congressman Hon. Gene Green
- U.S. Congressman Hon. Ted Poe

ORGANIZER

- Gulen Institute at the University of Houston.

TESTIMONIALS

"United Nations cannot do it alone. That such contests bring together a wide array of international representatives from countries of such diversity is a very good thing." **U.S. Congresswoman Sheila J. Lee**

"It involves young people from all over the world and invites them to voice their opinions."
U.S. Congressman Ted Poe

"The contest brings students from literally all over the world. Frankly, this multiculturalism is what America is about." **U.S. Congressman Gene Green**

"A good example of how cultural understanding will further enhance democracy and diplomacy in the world." **Mi Ru Liu, 1st place winner, Singapore**

"To have all these people here, receiving awards and touring the nation's capital, is really something that every person who is not in the U.S. should be able to experience."
George Papademetriou, 2nd place winner, U.S.

"The Gulen Institute is taking the first step to unite the entire world based by bringing together the high school students who will be the next generation of opinion makers and leaders."
Milly Wang, 3rd place winner, Canada

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Check the event website,
www.gulenyouthplatform.org
for essay rubrics, writing guides,
and all other contest details.

Last year, Gulen Institute Youth Platform has received essays from 35 states in the U.S. and from 53 countries around the world.